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**Cc:** [Burgess, Karen](#); [Palmer, John](#); [McGowan, Vincent \(ECY\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Columbia Generating Station NPDES Permit  
**Date:** Monday, October 28, 2013 10:12:44 AM

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Dru,

As far as I know the meeting between Energy Northwest (EN) and NMFS regarding the Columbia Generating Station CWIS has not occurred yet. EN was challenged to find a fish expert that was not already committed to serving on advisory boards, etc. The recent federal government shutdown also complicated scheduling.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2013 9:47 AM

**To:** Burgess, Karen; LaSpina, Jim (UTC)

**Cc:** Palmer, John

**Subject:** RE: Status of Columbia Generating Station NPDES Permit

Thx for the update. Were you two aware that the facility/efsec were mtg with noaa on the intake structure? Or how all that is going?

Seems strange that we wouldn't have been made aware of such discussions by either noaa or efsec/ecology. Sounds like things are on hold for awhile regardless.

-dru

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**From:** Burgess, Karen

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2013 7:39 AM

**To:** LaSpina, Jim (UTC)

**Cc:** Keenan, Dru; Palmer, John

**Subject:** RE: Status of Columbia Generating Station NPDES Permit

Jim, Thank you for the update on the status of the CGS NPDES Permit. Will EFSEC be utilizing Ecology's public notice process (including Ecology's electronic notice via Ecology's website) or will EFSEC be using their own process? Please notify me when the public comment period begins. Thank you. Karen

*Karen Burgess, P.E.*

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**Subject:** Status of Columbia Generating Station NPDES Permit

Karen,

You left me a voicemail in late-September asking about the status of the draft permit.

EFSEC is in a transitional stage at this time. Our board chairman recently retired and the governor is in the process of appointing a replacement.

The EFSEC Council and Staff feel that the new chair should be on board prior to the draft permit going out to public notice.

Also, when I left for annual leave on 9/23, Energy Northwest Staff were about to meet with NMFS Staff to discuss the CWIS issue, which may not have occurred yet.

EFSEC hopes to have its new chair for its November Council meeting, on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. EFSEC Staff will not go to public notice until the Council and the new chair concur.

Based on the above, EFSEC is unlikely to begin public notice with the draft permit until approximately December.

Jim

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